

## **CHALLENGES IN LEARNING ACADEMIC WRITING: EFL STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS**

### **Abstract**

Academic writing plays an important role in EFL learning. This takes much effort and forces students to think critically. Many students face the challenge during academic writing practices. It attracts the researcher's attention to investigate what challenges students face in learning academic writing practices. Hence, this study aims to investigate challenges in learning academic writing, particularly their perception. The researcher conducted an investigation based on the research question: "What are the challenges of undergraduate students in learning academic writing?" and "What are undergraduate students' ways to overcome the challenges in learning academic writing?" The participants of the study were 66 students who took Research Design class. They were students of the English Language Education Program at FLA-UKSW who were in batch 2015. The data was collected by spreading the questionnaire. The data analysis consists of what challenges may appear in students in order to pass the course and the way to overcome the challenges.

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